



### CCC “Believe” Art Event Creative Brief

As a congregation, we have been studying the Gospel of John in a sermon series titled, “That you may believe.” During each sermon, if you look around, you’ll see most people listening quietly and a few studious souls taking copious notes. Upon closer inspection, however, some of those note-takers aren’t writing verbal notes, they are drawing visual notes. For those visual and kinesthetic learners who doodle, draw, or commandeer the kids’ bendy wax things to better listen, we see you!

Since the Reformation, churches have often neglected & even opposed visual forms of worship out of a fear of committing idolatry. But God created humans to be creative. And, much like Bezalel and Oholiab in Exodus 31, God gifts some to be artists and craftsmen to worship Him through those talents. As members of Christ Community Church, we want to shepherd the congregation into a deeper understanding of how God uniquely created each of us to worship Him as creative image bearers.

We look forward to hosting a small exhibition & discussion on **Thursday, April 25 (Doors open at 5:30 pm, guided discussion from 6:30-8:00 pm)** to get the creative conversation started! The theme, in keeping with the sermon series in the Gospel of John is “**Believe.**” We invite you to submit a small 2-D, 3-D, or video/new media work. Include with it a small, 1-2 paragraph statement to help guide audience members concerning how this work relates to “Believe” for you.

The works will remain on view for the congregation **April 28th** during the Sunday Service.

An encouragement from the creative collective: This is designed to be a worshipful act towards the Lord. Be creative, have fun, and do it prayerfully and to the best of your ability. Looking for a helpful prompt? The word “believe” is used by John 85 times in his Gospel. Choose a verse that resonates with you. Think of how you or others have experienced belief, doubt, or non-belief. Make your work abstract or illustrative, figurative or fanciful, photorealistic or free-form. We find that the best inspiration often comes through prayer and meditation on Scripture...and typically strikes just as you’re about to finally doze off for the night, so keep a pencil & paper handy on your night stand.

#### Criteria:

- Ages: 14 & up & a member of the CCC congregation
- All mediums and multi-media will be accepted.
- 2-D: No larger than 13in x 13in including frame.
  - **Must be framed or equipped with a wire or D-ring to be hung.** Please do not use saw-tooth hangers.
  - Plane, black frame recommended but not required.
- 3D: Not larger than 12in. x 12in. x 12in.
- Video and time-based works, no longer than 5 minutes. and presented in a common, digital format.

- Works, registration forms, and short paragraph should be submitted **no later than the end of Sunday Church Service, April 21st.** ([Click here for registration & to submit your paragraph](#)).
- Drop off works before & after Sunday service on April 14th & 21st.
- Works should be collected after service on Sunday, April 28th.

Due to time constraints, a few works will be selected for the group discussion on the 25th. We will open the discussion for further works as time allows.